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EXAMINER - Forman

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIRS:

Kindly amend the above FWC as follows:

Claim 36, line 12, change "gravity" to -- attraction --

Claim 38, line 23, change "gravity" to -- attraction --

Add claims 40 and 41, appearing in New Appendix D.

The foregoing amendment to claims 36 and 38, are in the marked up copy and the clean copies labeled "New Appendix A and B".

REMARKS

Claims 36-41 are in the application. Claims 36 and 38 have been amended to correct an inadvertent error. The voltage is applied across the capillaries and substrate to enable the droplet to be deposited. In a non-deposit state, the force of surface tension holds the droplet in the open end. Thus, when the voltage is applied, it is of sufficient amount to counter that surface tension and by "attraction" cause the droplet to deposit onto the substrate. This slight technicality has been corrected.

Claims 40,41 have been added to recite another feature.

In addition to the foregoing, the inventor wishes to add the following "technical" comments so as to enable the Examiner to more fully appreciate the technical part of the invention.